



VHA Health Equity Action Plan Fact Sheet

About the Plan

The Office of Health Equity and the VHA Health Equity Coalition are committed to a plan of action to eliminate health disparities and assure health equity for all Veterans. The Health Equity Action Plan (HEAP) serves to align VHA strategies and activities in the area of Health Equity with I CARE core values, Blueprint for Excellence and VHA Strategic Plan Objective 1(e)—Quality & Equity: Veterans will receive timely, high quality, personalized, safe, effective and equitable health care, irrespective of geography, gender, race, age, military era, culture or sexual orientation

Goal

Provide appropriate individualized, pro-active and patient – driven health care in a way that eliminate health disparities and assures health equity.

Objectives

- ☐ Catalyze, synergize, and coordinate VHA programs, projects, and initiatives to effectively identify, understand, seek and implement solutions to diminish and, where possible, eliminate health disparities;
- ☐ Demonstrate alignment with other federal partners working to achieve health equity;
- ☐ Bring focus to VHA efforts to provide a more equitable, individualized and patient-driven health care delivery system;
- ☐ Improve overall quality of care through equity in all policies and the achievement of health equity for all;
- ☐ Incorporate innovative ideas and input of all users in order to encourage bottom up approach while maintaining a strong connection to the overarching goals of the VA;
- ☐ Capitalize on existing network of advocates and programs in both administrative and clinical realms to weave health equity dialogue and cultural attunement into training and other activities within and outside the health care system; and
- ☐ Serve as a guide and/or starting place, yet remain a living document open to modification and adaptation to continuously meet the needs of the Veterans entrusted to the VHA.

For more information visit:

http://www.va.gov/HEALTHEQUITY/Health_Equity_Action_Plan.asp